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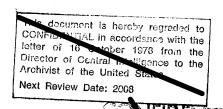
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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

1. The Ecuadoran Minister of Mational Defense, Manuel Diaz Granados, is preparing a list of Army officers whom he desires to be placed on retirement status. Fifteen officers have been but on this list so far, among whom are the following:

> Colonel Obdulio Serrano Colonel Gonzalo Sanches Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Patino Major Cristobal Jimenez del Castillo

- 2. When this change in Army personnel is publicly amnounced, the reason given for such action will be that these men are over age in grade. However, the Minister's real purpose is to eliminate undesirable officers from the army A6a i.e., officers who are suspected of engaging in anti-government activities and those who have proved uncooperative toward the present administration. Comment. Major Cristobal Jimenez del Castillo has served 16 years beyon retirement age. Although he has not conspired against the government, he has frequently refused to cooperate with the General Staff and will be retired for that reason.)
- 3. Although General Jaramillo, Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant Colonel Cesar Alfaro, Deputy Chief of Staff, do not appear on the above-mentioned list, the Minister is planning to take disciplinary action against them because he was displeased by the request for officer pay increases which they submitted to him on 12 January 1949.



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